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Dear Sir:

**Amendment and Response
To United States Patent and Trademark Office
Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111**

I. **Introduction**

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action mailed on July 20, 2009. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory deadline for Applicants' reply of three months, *i.e.*, by October 20, 2009. Applicants have requested a two-month extension of time, *i.e.*, until December 20, 2009. December 20, 2009, is a Sunday. Accordingly, Applicants' reply is timely under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.7 and 1.8 as it is being filed electronically on December 21, 2009.